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BOWLING KING
保球王
...OH. MY. GOD.
THE HELICOPTER PILOT FROM THE LAST THREE CHAPTERS ON VACATION

EDGAR APPROACHES THE LINE...
...AND RELEASES THE BALL!

THE BALL IS ON TRACK... EDGAR MIGHT STILL GET A SPARE ON THIS ONE!
AH!

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES, FOLKS! THE NINE-PIN IS STILL STANDING!
IT'S STILL SHAKING, BUT IT'S JUST NOT ENOUGH TO TIP IT OVER! IT'S AN UNLUCKY BREAK FOR EDGAR!
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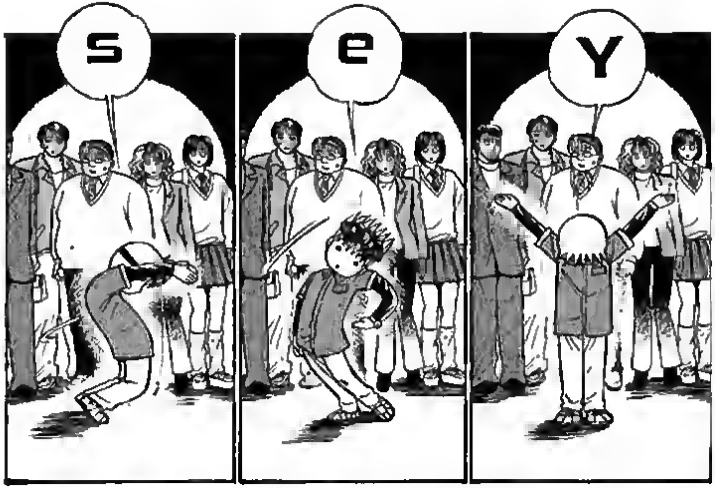
EDGAR...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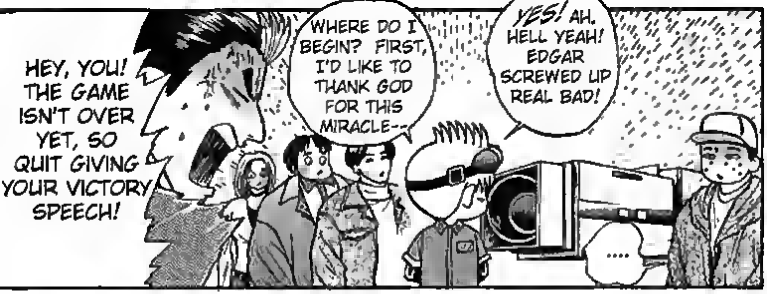
HEY, YOU! THE GAME ISN'T OVER YET, SO QUIT GIVING YOUR VICTORY SPEECH!
WHERE DO I BEGIN? FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR THIS MIRACLE--
YES! AH, HELL YEAH! EDGAR SCREWED UP REAL BAD!
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EDGAR STEPS UP FOR THE EIGHTH FRAME!

HE'S MAKING HIS APPROACH...
AFTER THAT MISTAKE, HE'S LOOKING MORE SERIOUS THAN EVER! HIS EYES ARE LOCKED ON TO THE PINS!
GO EDGAR!
YOU CAN DO IT!
THE WOMEN IN THE AUDIENCE ARE CHEERING HIM ON!
HE LETS GO OF THE BALL!

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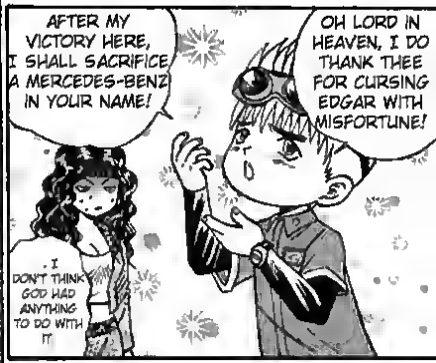
AH!

IT LOOKS LIKE EDGAR'S LUCK HAS RUN OUT IN THESE PAST TWO FRAMES!
TWO PINS ARE STILL STANDING AFTER EDGAR'S FIRST BALL IN THE EIGHTH FRAME!
OH, NO! IT'S A 7-10 SPLIT!

EDGAR WAS PROBABLY THINKING ABOUT THE LITTLE TALK WE JUST HAD.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO PULL AHEAD, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!

DAMMIT...


AFTER MY VICTORY HERE, I SHALL SACRIFICE A MERCEDES-BENZ IN YOUR NAME!
OH LORD IN HEAVEN, I DO THANK THEE FOR CURSING EDGAR WITH MISFORTUNE!
I DON'T THINK GOD HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT.

I WANTED TO BEAT EDGAR FAIR AND SQUARE!
LILY, I COMPLETELY MISJUDGED YOU! TO THINK YOU'D DO SOMETHING SO DIRTY...
...WHAT? BUT IN OUR MATCH, YOU KEPT ON PLAYING DIRTY TRICKS ON ME...
...NOW I GET IT...
SHALTIEH ...
BUT THAT WAS DIFFERENT! THIS IS A DUEL BETWEEN MEN!
THEN AGAIN, YOU DID ALL THAT, NOT ME. I'LL JUST PRETEND I NEVER HEARD ABOUT IT. LA LA LA, LA LA...
WHAT WOULD TZ'ZUHN THINK IF SHE FOUND OUT I WAS PLAYING DIRTY, HUH? WHERE'S THE PRIDE IN THAT?

...HE PLAYS IT SAFE, AND TAKES THE NUMBER SEVEN PIN!
EIGHTH FRAME: EDGAR DELIVERS THE SECOND BALL...
NOT NEARLY AS HIGH AS ANTICIPATED. WITH ANY LUCK, HE'LL MAKE IT UP WITH A STRONG FINISH!
AS OF THE EIGHTH FRAME, EDGAR'S SCORE IS... ONE-HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE!
EDGAR
SHAUN
OH, EDGAR, YOU POOR, UNLUCKY LITTLE THING...I FEEL SO SORRY FOR YOU...
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YOU SURE AS HELL DON'T LOOK SORRY

EVEN THOUGH HE MISSED THAT TIME, HE'S GOT THE GUTS OF A PROFESSIONAL!
THIS SUCKS!! WHY WOULDN'T THOSE DAMN PINS FALL!!
WHAT DO I DO NOW?
I'D COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN! DURING OUR MATCH, SHAUTIEH GOT A 7-10 SPLIT, TOO! AND EVEN THOUGH YOUR AVERAGE PLAYER ONLY GOES FOR ONE OF THE PINS TO PLAY IT SAFE, SHAUTIEH TRIED TO GO FOR THE SPARE, ANYWAY!

LET'S USE THE TECHNIQUE THAT LILY TAUGHT ME...
ALL RIGHT, I GOTTA FOCUS! EDGAR MESSED UP A COUPLE TIMES, SO I GOTTA CATCH UP NOW!

SHAUTIEH IS PRETTY MUCH THE UNDERDOG OF THE BOWLING WORLD!
SHAUTIEH LEY IS UP FOR HIS SEVENTH FRAME!

DO I REALLY GOTTA PUT A COW IN THERE AND STUFF?
BUT DO I HAVE TO THINK OF THE SAME PICTURES?

YEAH! I COULD THINK OF SOMETHING LIKE... SOMETHING LIKE...
WHY DON'T I THINK OF SOME OTHER PICTURE INTEAD?

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YEAH,... THAT'S IT! TZ'ZUHN, CALLING FOR ME IN A SUPER RED-HOT TWO-PIECE BIKINI!
...LIKE TZ'ZUHN! MY LOVELY TZ'ZUHN, WAITING FOR ME AT THE END OF THE LANE!

EVEN SOMEONE AS INNOCENT AS TZ'ZUHN CAN BE SUCH A FOX!
SHALITIEH! COME!
MY GOD, SHE'S GOT SUCH A HOT BODY! WOW!
THROW THE BALL TO ME!
...WHY'S SHALITIEH TAKING SO LONG TO THROW THE BALL?
UH... SHALITIEH LEY SEEMS TO BE GETTING A NOSEBLEED FOR SOME REASON...

...BUT HE CHARGES ON ANYWAY!
I TAUGHT HIM THAT TECHNIQUE TO CALM HIM DOWN, NOT EXCITE HIM!
WHAT IN HELL IS THAT BOY THINKING ABOUT THAT? GIVING HIM THAT NOSEBLEED?
I'M COMING, TZ'ZUHN!
I'M GONNA GET THAT HIGH SCORE FOR YOU!

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE CARES, THOUGH! HE'S CHARGING WITH THE THREE-STEP APPROACH!
SHAUTIEH'S BLOOD IS DRIPPING ALL OVER THE PLACE!
I LOVE YOU!!
TZ' ZUHN!
HE RELEASES!

TZ' ZUHN!
...NOT AGAIN...AND ON TV, TOO...
THE BALL IS HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE 1-2 POCKET!
IT'S A STRIKE!
SHAUTIEH LEY MANAGED TO ROLL A STRIKE IN THE SEVENTH FRAME!

WHAT?!
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SHAUTIEH SWIPES ANOTHER BALL AND STARTS HIS EIGHTH FRAME!
HE'S GOT THE LOOK OF A POSSESSED MADMAN IN HIS EYES!

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
SHAUTIEH LEY, YOU STUPID IDIOT!
SHAUTIEH, WAIT!
YOU CAN'T THROW THE BALL YET!
THE MACHINE ISN'T DONE RESETTING THE PINS YET!!
TZ' ZUHN !!

IF HE LETS GO NOW, THERE'S A CHANCE HE WON'T HIT ANYTHING!
SHAUTIEH LEY MAKES HIS APPROACH, EVEN THOUGH THE MACHINE'S STILL RESETTING THE LANE!
OH, GOD...
HE'S GOING TO GET A ZERO...
TZ'ZUHN, I'M COMING!
OH, CRAP!
SLIP!